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SHOT IN THE ARM FOR KANSAS KIDS

by Stacey Herman

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Sue Bowden retired from her position as the Immunization Program Manager on Mar. 11 but not from helping kids. She was honored at a retire-



ment party on Friday, Mar. 4. Much of Bowden's recent work was spent encouraging reluctant Kansas children and adults to get immunized, as well as navigating the administrative complexities associated with that task. Her work with the Kansas Immunization Program has been "a shot in the arm" for all

Kansans - both figuratively and literally.

Bowden has served as the Immunization Program Manager for the last four years of her 11-year career in state government. She is a registered nurse whose work experience also includes elementary school nursing and consulting for the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. One of Sue's most significant accomplishments is her work on a web-based Immunization Registry to help families and health care professionals track when Kansas children and adults are immunized. The new system will alleviate the problem of lost immunization records that has occurred when families move or change doctors. "Establishing the registry has been a very complex project and she had the overall vision and leadership skills to bring a variety of partners together to make it happen," said Dick Morrissey, Division of Health. "Sue's knowledge in this area is so critical that she will consult with the agency on this project after she retires."



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Bowden shares the credit for this accomplishment and others with her team. "I have been lucky because I had a great team. I never really had to direct them. They are second to none and I consider them my second family. That is why it is so hard to leave," she said. "Sue has been a compassionate and upright director of the Immunization Program; empowering her staff to achieve new goals while providing strong leadership," said Kimee Pierson, KDHE immunization nurse consultant. She will be spending her retirement on another worthy and noble cause - taking care of her newborn, twin grandchildren. "We are fortunate that the agency will still be able to 'share' her with the twins, as she consults with us on getting the registry up and operating. Tending to the health and well-being of all children is clearly a higher calling for Sue," said KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby.

WORLD TB DAY March 24

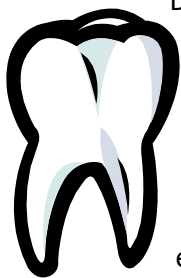
World TB Day, held on March 24 each year, is an occasion to raise awareness about the international health threat presented by tuberculosis (TB). It is a day to recognize the collaborative efforts of all countries involved in fighting TB. TB can be cured, controlled, and, with diligent efforts and sufficient resources, eventually eliminated. In the late 19th century, TB killed one out of every seven people living in the United States and Europe. On March 24, 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of TB Bacillus. It was the most important step taken towards the control and elimination of this deadly disease. In 1982, a century after Dr. Koch's announcement, the first World TB Day was sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD). The event was intended to educate the public about the devastating health and economic consequences of TB, its effect on developing countries, and its continued tragic impact on global health.

TB remains a threat to the health and well-being of people around the world. Among infectious diseases, TB remains the second leading killer of adults in the world, with more than two million TB related deaths each year. World TB Day is a valuable opportunity to educate the public about the devastation TB can spread and how it can be stopped.

*"Now is the time to grasp a vision.
A vision of coming together on World TB Day
in the near future to celebrate
the elimination of tuberculosis in this country."*

Dr. Kenneth G. Castro
CDC Director of the
Division of Tuberculosis Elimination

IT'S IN HER ROOTS



Don't blame Dawn McGlasson for taking the path to dental hygiene education and prevention; it's in her roots.

McGlasson, the new Deputy Director of the Office of Oral Health at KDHE, comes from a family of oral health practitioners. Her father enjoyed a long career as a dentist; a brother practices orthodontics; a sister works as a hygienist; and a new generation is coming on board with a nephew in dental school.

As the new deputy dental director and only dental professional representing Kansas government, McGlasson preaches the benefits of oral health

education and prevention during her travels and collaborations around the state with schools; local health departments; local communities; and government agencies. With more than 25 years experience as a practicing hygienist, adjunct college instructor and public health educator, McGlasson has seen the good and the bad in the mouths of children and adults.

She has helped KDHE, secure grant funds to provide statewide oral health trainings and promotions that include public health personnel, registered dental hygienists, school nurses, and care child providers. McGlasson helped write and implement a grant for \$75,000 for the first Open Mouth Survey of third graders to provide baseline assessment to determine the oral health status and treatment needs of Kansas children. The second grant of \$195,000 will pilot a school-based dental sealant program over a three-year period in the Emporia area. It will incorporate cleanings, fluoride varnish, dental identification of the children, oral health instruction, and other preventive procedures. The sealant program addresses access to dental care issues such as geographical location, cost, and transportation problems. Additionally, the grant will provide some funding for oral health commercials.

Her latest innovative collaboration was a project involving the training of 25 school nurses with a non-invasive laser fluorescent dental device (DIAG-NOdent) for school-age screenings. This training was so successful that the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund provided a \$200,000 grant for training 80 public health nurses and school nurses to help increase screenings across the state. This training will lead to an estimated 6,000 Kansas children receiving an oral health screening in 2005.

Whether it's stumping for oral health, building partnerships, or implementing innovative prevention programs across Kansas, Dawn McGlasson is the standard by which all teeth in Kansas shine.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 4 - 10, 2005

**National Public Health Week, to take place
April 4 - 10, will focus on empowering
Americans to live stronger, longer.**



PHCLINIC USAGE FOR THE TB PROGRAM

by Larry Garrett



A review of the tuberculosis (TB) program reporting requirements and the usage of PHClinic was recently completed at the Sedgwick County Health Department. As a result, the health department is now using

PHClinic to capture all of the data necessary for both their state-mandated and local reports as well as actively tracking their TB clients to reduce the number of clients "lost to follow-up." In addition, they explored the potential financial reimbursement issues associated with administering a comprehensive TB program.

The work was a joint project between the KIPHS staff epidemiologist, TB program staff members, and the PHClinic system administrator at the health department. Initial activities centered on developing a methodology that would examine all of the issues surrounding the TB program. Early on in the process, we closely examined the quarterly TB state report, as they wanted to be able to "automate" the data gathering associated with this report. Without a complete understanding of each data element within this report and how the report was being used, developing methods and/or rules for data capture would not have been possible. In addition, meetings were held with the discussion centering on the "workflow" of the TB program. It was important that each member of the TB staff understood how their individual work interacted with others within the program and what data each team member needed to complete their work in the most efficient manner possible. When consensus was reached, written rules or standard operating procedures, were developed for how each staff position would interact with the PHClinic software. Guidelines were also established for data usage as well as methods developed to "check" the ongoing quality of the data.

Since this project has been completed, the TB program has complete access to all of the data associated with individual clients, aggregate data for all of their clients, and has significantly reduced the time required to complete the mandated reports associated with the TB program. In addition, data quality has improved as well as staff ability to quickly identify clients that may be lost to follow-up. They can also accurately account for administrative time. Work continues with the financial reimbursement issues associated with TB management.

This project demonstrates the flexibility of the PHClinic software. It also shows that understanding

how public health programs and data interact is important before establishing and/or revising a clinic management system. If you would like additional information about this project or would like help with establishing new public health programs within PHClinic, please call the KIPHS hotline at 316-682-0900.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 25
July 27
Sept. 28
Nov. 30

North Central Region: Meetings are from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

April 26 at the Russell County Health Department
June 28
Aug. 23
Oct. 25
Dec. 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 9
Sept. 8
Dec. 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

April 14
June 9
Aug. 11
Oct. 13
Dec. 8

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 12
Aug. 4
Nov. 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Garden City, location to be an-

nounced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 20
July 15
Sept. 16
Nov. 18

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Mike Kopf - medical investigator at KDHE/BEDP, based in both the Salina and Wichita District Office, began work on Feb. 12. He is working with the BT and Epi sections and will be the local KDHE liaison and coordinator for bioterrorism and infectious disease outbreaks in the north and south central regions of Kansas. Mike was formerly with the Bureau of Consumer Health at KDHE and is completing his MPH from KU-Wichita. He can be reached by e-mail at mkopf@kdhe.state.ks.us, at 785-827-9639 in Salina, at 316-337-6020 in Wichita, or by cell phone at 316-215-4758. **David Stuever** is the new local liaison for counties in the eastern third of the state, with the exception of the KC Metro region. **Ella Vajnar** will continue to cover the western third of Kansas.

NEWS BRIEFS

Refugee Children at High Risk for Lead Exposure

Although blood lead levels (BLL) in children ages 1 to 5 years are decreasing in the United States, the risk for elevated BLL remains high for certain populations such as refugees, according to a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report.



The report, *Elevated Blood Lead Levels in Refugee Children – New Hampshire, 2004*, found that of

the 92 refugee children resettled in New Hampshire that were tested upon arriving in the United States and tested again three to six months after permanent placement, 37 children had BLL that were greater than 10 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL) - the target level for lead poisoning elimination in United States children by the end of the decade.

Follow-up BLL had increased for 35 of these 37 children and the mean increase was 11 mcg/dL. Twenty-seven children became elevated after resettlement in the United States. The children studied were predominantly from Africa.

Refugee children are at high-risk for lead exposure as a result of exposure in their country of origin as well as health, social, and economic factors.

Iron deficiency, prevalent among refugee children, increases lead absorption in the gastrointestinal tract. Of the New Hampshire children, 37 percent were chronically malnourished and 25 percent had acute malnutrition.

The Manchester Health Department, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and the CDC conducted this investigation as part of follow-up routine screening examinations of refugee children placed in the state. While the cases described in this report were identified in New Hampshire, refugee children resettled in other areas of the country also may be at risk for lead poisoning.

Until federal standards for blood lead testing and lead risk assessment in refugee children are implemented, the following interim practices are recommended:

- Providing pediatric multi-vitamin with iron for refugee children age 6 months to 5 years immediately upon arrival in the United States.
- Blood lead testing, nutritional assessments and hemoglobin or hematocrit level testing for children younger than 6 years within 90 days of arrival in the United States, and a follow-up blood lead test three to six months after placement in a permanent residence.
- Blood lead screening for children age 6 years and older if lead hazards are evident.

The study appears in the Jan. 21 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. For more information about refugee lead poisoning and prevention, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/lead/>.

For information of the New Hampshire Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: www.dhhs.nh.gov/dhhs/clppp

Molardrama in Sedgwick County



Each February as part of Children's Dental Health Month, more than 4,500 second graders from Sedgwick County, their parents and teachers, attend an annual tooth fair, the "Molardrama." The children watch a play, performed by actors from the Wichita Children's Theatre, to help educate them on how they can have healthy teeth for a lifetime. There are two performances a day for five days with approximately 450 in attendance at each performance. Each child receives a bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, a stricker, and a coupon for a free apple. The health department dental clinic staff have coordinated the tooth fair with donations from The Boeing Good

Neighbors Fund, Dillon's, and the Sedgwick County Health Department. The Wichita District Dental Society underwrites the cost of the production.

Interpreter and Cultural Trainings Presented Throughout Kansas

by Brandi Miller
JVS



The KDHE-sponsored Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency trainings throughout the state have been a great success. Both trainings have drawn many participants from all occupational areas: from education to health care to social services and beyond. Over the past few years, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), Kansas City, has teamed with KDHE to provide these trainings to hundreds of participants.

The interpreter training is a five day, 40-hour training given to bilingual individuals through a curriculum from Cross Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP), Seattle. JVS has licensed trainers who have been trained by CCHCP to provide this course. Recently, the addition of new visual materials has enhanced the training even more by showing the New Americans video series by Active Voice. This series allows trainers to



show clips at the training sessions for insight into the immigrant or refugee struggle to get to the United States, and sustain a livable life once here.

The cultural competency training is a two day, 16-hour training given to all who wish to take part in a training that strives to help increase understanding of cultural differences, as well as work more effectively across cultures. A section on cultural norms of several refugee and immigrant groups has been well received by all and continues to bring about dynamic discussion throughout the training. Trainers show communication methods to use with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families, and coordinate services when working with the various communities.



Lead Poisoning Prompts Recall of Metal Charms

by Jennifer Warner
WebMD Medical News

March 3, 2005 - Lead poisoning fears have prompted the recall of nearly 3 million metal charms sold in craft stores in recent years.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the charms' manufacturer, Hirschberg Schutz & Co. Inc., announced the voluntary recall of 2.8 million charms sold under the name "Charming



Thoughts" today.

The CPSC received a report of a 6-year-old girl who developed elevated blood lead levels thought to be related to mouthing the charms on a homemade necklace. Lead poisoning in children is linked to behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems, and growth retardation. Even low levels of lead are harmful.

Children, especially those under the age of 6, are at risk because of their rapid growth and their tendency to put their hands and objects in their mouths. If you are concerned about your child being exposed, ask your doctor to test your child for lead poisoning.

The recalled metal charms were sold at Michaels Stores from July 2002 through February 2005, at Recollections stores from October 2004 through February 2005, and at Hancock Fabrics stores from January 2004 through January 2005. All of the charms were manufactured in China.

Most of the charms are silver-colored with small silver loops. They were sold in packages of two to 12 pieces.

The metal charms are various shapes including small hearts, crowns, birds, picture frames, perfume bottles, and a cross. Some of the metal charms have small blue, pink, or yellow stones and are printed with words including "princess," "congratulations," "city girl," "world traveler," and "life's blessings." "Insert photo here," "cherish," "love," and "honor" are printed on the picture frame charms.

The metal charms were sold as decorations for place cards, greeting cards, collages, memory boxes, gift cards, scrapbooks, invitations, and gift bags. The charms also can be attached to necklaces and bracelets.

To see a picture of the recalled charms, go to the CPSC web site. People who purchased the charms should immediately take these metal charms away from children and contact Hirschberg Schutz & Co. at (800) 873-5506 to receive a refund. Consumers also can email the firm at charmsrecall@horizongroupusa.com for more information.

Old Bugs, New Threats



The Kansas Public Health Workforce and Leadership Development (WALD) Center is hosting an upcoming Public Health Grand Rounds satellite downlink, "Antimicrobial Resistance: Old Bugs, New Threats and the Public Health Response?" on April 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. The program will air in the Santa Fe Room of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Registration is free and is open to the public through <http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu/>.

For more information, please contact Theresa St. Romain at tstromain@kumc.edu. Public Health Grand Rounds are sponsored by the CDC and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.

Registered Dietician Needed



The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a part-time Registered Dietitian. The successful candidate will be responsible for contributing to the goal of optimal pregnancy outcomes which includes providing skilled nutritional assessment and counseling; collecting and interpreting laboratory and anthropometric data; designing nutrition care plans appropriate to clients' needs; identifying and counseling high-risk clients with adequate frequency; and conducting follow up visits at each trimester. The incumbent will also ensure that all eligible prenatal clients in Johnson County have access to WIC services; will contribute to health department record system and statistics; will maintain current knowledge of maternal child health nutrition issues; relevant program policies and procedures; will deliver coordinated services; and will receive and refer to other health department programs, KU Medical Center, and community outreach programs.

This position requires a bachelor's degree in human nutrition dietetics, dietetics, or foods and nutrition, a Registered Dietitian license by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, and an LD license to practice in Kansas. It also requires

knowledge of maternal and child health and nutrition issues. Apply online at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE/MFD

Nursing Facility Position Available

Washburn University's School of Nursing invites applications for a half-time, clinical instructor in Public/Community Health Nursing available August 2005. Responsibilities include clinical instruction in the public/community health setting during fall and spring semesters. Qualifications: BSN



and master's degree in nursing required; public/community health clinical experience; RN licensure in Kansas (or eligibility); prior baccalaureate level teaching desirable. Salary commensurate with academic credentials/experience. Application review begins immediately and continues until suitable candidates identified. Submit letter of application, resume, transcripts, names/phone numbers of three references to Dean Cynthia Hornberger, School of Nursing, Washburn University, 1700 SW College, Topeka, KS 66621, 785-231-1010, ext. 1526. To enrich education through diversity, Washburn University is an EOE. Candidates from under-represented groups encouraged to apply.

CONFERENCES

KDHE Minority Health Conference 2005: Connecting Kansas Communities



KDHE's *Minority Health Conference 2005: Connecting Kansas Communities* will convene April 13, bringing together health professionals and community champions from across the state. The conference attendees will learn of new strategies and resources to improve the health of diverse ethnic populations across the state. The one-day conference will be held at the Holiday Inn - Holidome, Lawrence, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Displays, presentations, networking with colleagues, and making new connections are planned.

Registration materials are being mailed out to organizations and individuals specializing in improving the health of ethnic populations in Kansas

Highlights of the April 13th conference include, a luncheon speech by Governor Kathleen Sebelius, and a keynote presentation by Dr. David Williams, a professor of the University of Michigan. Williams is a nationally recognized author and researcher in the areas of health trends, social determinants, and ethnic and racial disparities as related to health outcomes of underserved populations.

For more information, e-mail:

minorityhealth@kdhe.state.ks.us or visit <http://www.minorityhealthks.org>.

Sailing the C's of Public Health Conference



This year's conference for Public Health Nursing/Maternal Child Health will be held at the Wichita Airport Hilton on May 3 – 5. Conference topics and breakout

sessions are listed at

http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/LHD_PHN_Conference.htm. Registration is now open on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. A PHIX message and KRHS notice will be sent when registration is activated.

Betty Bekemeier

I have a passion for public health as it is practiced in the community setting. Improving the health of whole communities can only happen through working effectively together across systems, agencies, and disciplines and believing that everyone participates in the work of public health.



Betty Bekemeier is one of the keynote speakers at this year's conference. Bekemeier serves as Deputy Director of the Turning Point National Program Office, specializing in public health practice system development. Betty's career has been in public health practice at the local level. She is a member of the Quad Council Linkages and is the chair of American Public Health Association, APHA, Nursing Section.



Reversing the Tide – Promoting Policies and Programs to Advance the Nation's Health



NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference, July 12 – 15, *The Boston Copley Place*, Boston, Massachusetts. For more information, contact; NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference

Staff, Telephone: (202) 371-9090, Fax: (202) 371-9797, E-mail: jointmeeting@astho.org. Visit the Web site at

http://www.astho.org/?template=annual_meeting.html&PHPSESSID=6fba268ea87391597f64420c0e009cce.



Kansas Conference on Social Welfare

Paula Jasso, President of the 2005 Kansas Conference on Social Welfare, invites you to attend this year's conference, - "Focus on Families - Building Healthy Relationships" on April 3 - 5. The conference will be partnering with the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP), administered by the Kansas Department on Aging, to provide a wider selection of presenters and topics. Approval to provide 12 CEUs for nurses from the Kansas State Board of nursing, and the same for Social Workers from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board is in process. Early registration is \$70 and student is \$35.

Tracks will include Healthy Marriage/Relations and Grandparents as Parents. Other topics will be fatherhood, childhood obesity, poverty simulation, ethics, and more. Please mark your calendar to attend April 3-5. The conference will be held at the Olathe Holiday Inn, 101 W. 151st, Olathe, KS. Room rates are \$65 for one to four people in a room.

We hope you will join us this year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paula Jasso at plzj@srskansas.org or our registration secretary Candace Eck at cve@srskansas.org.

WORKSHOPS

Open for Outside Enrollment

"Population Disease, Risk Communication, Health Data, & Food Safety" is a special FREE two

day workshop from the KS Public Health Certificate Program for the public health work force in Kansas on April 26-27. It will be offered in Hays, Wichita, and Chanute, in addition to the PH Certificate Program in Topeka (that class is full). Presentations will be a combination of live and distance ITV at the remote sites. The program covers basic to intermediate level material. It is especially geared to new public health staff and persons interested in gaining knowledge of the KS PH Certificate Program.



For more information about this program, go to:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/download/GovRoleInHealthApr1%2026and2705.pdf>

To register/enroll, go to: <http://ks.train.org>. You must first "create an account" on KS-TRAIN if you have not already done so, and then search the courses under "Browse my state only." Look for the title as it appears above and register/enroll for your preferred site location.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group

Thursday, May 12
Thursday, Aug. 4
Thursday, Nov. 3

Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.



NC Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – noon at the Lincoln County Emergency Services Building. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

NW Billing Group, from 9 am – 3 pm, at the First State Bank Basement, 101 E Cherry, Hill City. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SC Billing Group, from 9 am – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Billing Group, from 9 am – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

Medical Interpreter Training Schedule

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City
Area SRS Building
April 18 – 22, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Wichita
Sunflower Room 2202
June 6–10, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.



Dodge City - April 14-15, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Western Plains Medical Complex
108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

For more information or to register contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808, ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

GRANT

Children's Oral Health Grant

The American Dental Association Foundation announces funding through the Samuel Harris Fund to improve and maintain children's oral health through community education programs. The main objective of the Samuel Harris Funds is to help children whose socio-economic status impacts their access to professional oral care and adversely affects their oral health habits. Grant awards are up to \$5,000. Applicants eligible for consideration are community-based, not-for-profit, oral health promotion programs in the United States and its territories. Examples of qualified oral health promotions include, but are not limited to, dental health education conducted at schools, health fairs and social agencies. Application deadline is July 8.

For complete program information and application guidelines, please visit http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/prog_access_harris.asp

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to the public health workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to PHTN Web site at

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 for assistance.

April Downlinks or Webcasts

04/08/05 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET	NALBOH's 6th Annual Ned E. Baker Lecture in Public Health For more information, please contact nalboh@nalboh.org . To view the lecture via Webcast, please visit http://wbgu.org/baker/index.html or visit www.nalboh.org for more information
04/08/05 2:00 - 3:00	"Public Health Grand Rounds" Antimicrobial Resistance: Old Bugs, New

PM ET	Threats, and the Public Health Response For more information visit, http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu/ . <input type="text"/>
04/14/05 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET	"SAVE THE DATE" Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: POD Management View more information.
04/21/05 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET	Partner Counseling and Referral Services for HIV Prevention View course overview. <input type="text"/>
04/27/05 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET	The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute presents: "Communications, News, Equipment & Training" a WMD related program. For more information and registration, contact Ed Kronholm at (877-820-0305) or visit: ComNET 27 April 2005 .
04/27/05 2:30 - 4:00 PM ET	Historical Roots of Bioterrorism and Implications for the Future For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:
<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program-

<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine –

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training –

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_public.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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